

*North Butler Middle School*  
*Fifth Grade*  
**FAQ's**

**First Day of School**

- Wednesday, August 20, 2014 will be the first day of school.
- Flag raising ceremony will begin at 8:20 a.m. in front of the middle school.

**Back To School Open House**

- Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m.
- Schedules & locker assignments will be available
- Visit 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and classrooms
- Students are encouraged to bring their school supplies and organize their lockers.

**Daily Start/Dismissal Times**

- The school day begins at 8:20 a.m.
- On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays Greene Shuttle Bus departs at 2:55 p.m. Allison walkers are dismissed at 3:05 p.m., followed by the Allison-Bristow bus riders at 3:20 p.m.
- School dismisses at 2:20 p.m. on Wednesdays for Professional Development. Greene Shuttle Bus departs at 1:55 p.m. Allison walkers are dismissed at 2:00 p.m., followed by the Allison-Bristow bus riders at 2:20 p.m.

**Picture Day**

- Student Picture Day will take place Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, during the school day.
- Picture order forms will be passed out the night of Open House. Please return these order forms with payment with your student to give to their homeroom teacher.

### **Lunch accounts**

- Lunch account PIN numbers will be available for pick-up at Registration, Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. and Open House, Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Lunch PIN #s are same as the district ID numbers and are printed on student schedules.
- You may check lunch account balances on JMC.
- Lunch money should be dropped off with **Susie** at the **Middle School Office** before 8:15 a.m.
- If you are paying with cash, please put money in an envelope with your child's name on the envelope.

### **What happens when kids are sick/tardy?**

- Students need to check in with **Susie** at the **Middle School Office** when tardy or arriving late.
- If you are not able to attend school due to illness, family emergency, etc., please contact the **Middle School Office** at **319-267-2552** as early in the morning as possible. Please provide the student name, grade level, and reason for absence. Students not called in by a parent/guardian will receive an unexcused absence.
- If your student will be late attending school due to a doctor appointment, dental appointment, etc., please contact the **Middle School Office** with the reason and the estimated time of arrival.
- When possible, please notify the **Middle School Office** at least one day in advance of scheduled appointments and vacations. Students will need to pick-up an Advanced Make-Up slip at the office. It is the student's responsibility to take this form to all fifth grade teachers before the absence.
- All absences, late arrivals, medical appointments, vacations, early pick-ups, etc. must be reported to the **Middle School Office**. **Please do not relay the information through your student's teacher!**
- *If a student is not feeling well at school, we may ask them to lie down after Susie or the school nurse has assessed them. If they are vomiting or running a temperature, the parents will be called to pick up their child.*

### **Chorus/Band**

- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Chorus will be on Days 1 and 4 during 6<sup>th</sup> Period
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band will be on Days 2 and 5 during 6<sup>th</sup> Period
- It will take at least a week after the start of the school year to derive the schedule for individual lessons of the participating students. Your student will be notified at the completion of such schedule as to when and where to attend their band lesson.

### **Recess**

- There is not a designated recess period for North Butler Middle School students.
- However, weather permitting, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade staff, has made adjustments in their daily schedule to go outside for 15-20 minutes. This time may be just prior to lunch during 5<sup>th</sup> period or at the end of the day during 7<sup>th</sup> period or 8<sup>th</sup> period Homeroom Study Hall.
- Occasionally the lunch duty staff has made it possible for the students, after eating their lunch, cleaning up their area, and using appropriate behavior, to step outside the lunch room area for the remainder of their lunch period.

### **Lockers & Locks**

- At registration, students will be assigned a locker and a combination for their padlock.
- A copy of the student's schedule and locker combination will be available at Open House Night on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to "practice" with their lock to develop a comfort level at opening them.
- The fifth grade staff understands it is a big transition for fifth graders going to and from classes from their lockers. To help ease this transition, the teachers allow a few extra minutes between class periods for the first few weeks of school.
- ALL North Butler Middle School Staff will be happy to help any student who is having difficulty with locks and/or lockers.

**Activity Tickets**

- Activity tickets are available to all North Butler students for \$30 per school year.
- Activity tickets allow student admission, free of charge, to all North Butler home athletic events (with the exception of state sponsored tournaments, and musical events) for the entire school year.
- Students will receive their Activity Ticket the first week of school. This will need to be presented at the ticket gate for admission.

**Gym clothing**

- Students will need to provide their own gym clothing consisting of shorts, shirts, socks, and shoes.
- Students will have the opportunity to shower after P.E. class. Each student should have soap, shampoo, and deodorant.

**First week of school – what it is going to be like**

- Students will report to their homeroom on the first day of school. This room will be listed on their schedule. Students will have detailed directions and help get to the other classes on their schedule. The teachers will do this several days until all the students are comfortable as to where to go and how to get there.
- Teachers will spend a great deal of time going over locks and will give students several minutes to get locks undone.
- Teachers will go over classroom procedures and expectations.
- Principal Dan Huff will review the Middle School Student Handbook with the students.